AMBASSADE DE BELGIQUE

Washington, le 17 juillet 1951.

Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat,

D'ordre de mon Gouvernement, j'ai l'honneur de prier Votre Excellence de bien vouloir porter à la connaissance du Président des Etats-Unis que, par suite de l'abdication de Sa Majesté Léopold III, l'avènement de Sa Majesté le Roi Baudouin a eu lieu le 17 juillet 1951.

Les Lettres Royales parviendront ultérieurement.

Je saisis cette occasion, Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat, de renouveler à Votre Excellence les assurances de ma plus haute considération.

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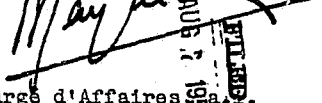

A Son Excellence
Monsieur le Secrétaire d'Etat,
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Sir:

I have received your note of July 17, 1951 in which you requested that the President be informed that as a consequence of the abdication of His Majesty Leopold III, the accession of His Majesty King Baudouin took place on July 17, 1951.

This information has been brought to the attention of the White House.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

James C. H. Bonbright

Mr. Roger Taymans,

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Belgium.

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EMBASSY OF BELGIUM

Washington, July 17, 1951

Mr. Secretary of State:

In accordance with instructions from my Government, I have the honor to request that Your Excellency be good enough to inform the President of the United States that, as a consequence of the abdication of His Majesty Leopold III, the accession of His Majesty King Baudouin took place on July 17, 1951.

The Letters Royal will arrive at a later date.

I avail myself of this opportunity, Mr. Secretary of State, to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

/Signed/ R. Taymans

Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

His Excellency
the Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.